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## 9 DEAD, 75 INJURED IN OKLAHOMA TWISTER

### HEAVY RAINS DELAY RESCUE

Guard Units Assist in Relief Work

#### 5 HURT IN TEXAS

Vernon Sideswiped; Arkansas Farms Swept

By United Press.  
SHAWNEE, Okla., March 29.—Two national guard companies were on duty here today assisting in relief work and clearing debris left by the tornado which struck Shawnee late Friday.

Sixteen in Hospitals  
Nine are known dead; sixteen are in hospitals and seventy-five suffered minor injuries from the storm. Buildings in a district of four square blocks were destroyed.

The dead:  
MRS. MYRTLE CUNNINGHAM, 20.

THELMA WILSON, 20.  
L. M. HULLSTON, 80.  
MRS. ELIZABETH DINGLER, 65.

W. P. DIX, 45.  
MRS. JOHN FAYTON, died of fright.

J. G. CALLAN and his four-year-old daughter.

J. C. MERRITT.  
All were residents of Shawnee. Sixteen persons were in the city.

#### SNOW, SLEET, WINDS MENACE EARLY CROPS

March was going out like a lion today with storms raging throughout the midwest.

Snow, sleet, high winds reaching toward proportions, twisters and heavy rainfall were reported during the last 24 hours from the Canadian line to Texas and sweeping eastward from the Rocky Mountains.

Temperatures were falling rapidly throughout the storm area and fear was expressed for early crops in the event of a heavy freeze.

No Estimate of Loss  
No estimate could be made early today of the property damage here. The storm struck the city going in a northeasterly direction. More than 150 houses were damaged, many wrecked and the Jefferson grade school was demolished. Several hundred pupils were hurried out of the building by the school principal a few minutes before the twister struck.

After sweeping through the city, the storm moved into the country more than a mile before it lifted.

Three in One House Killed  
Heavy rain followed the twister delaying rescue work. Wire communications with the outside world were destroyed and the city was without lights and power during the night.

Three persons were crushed to death in their home when it was jerked into the air and hurled to the ground several hundred feet away. The three occupants were L. M. Huddleston, 80, and his two grand daughters, Miss Thelma Wilson and Mrs. Myrtle Cunningham, who were visiting at the home.

Mrs. John Fayton, an aged woman, was found dead in the wreckage of her shattered home with no injuries apparent upon her body.

#### 5 HURT, PROPERTY DAMAGED AT VERNON

VERNON, Texas, March 29.—Five persons were hurt in this section when the tail-end of an Oklahoma tornado swept North Texas.

Property damage was considerable. Several small buildings were blown down by the high winds.

At Whiteboro a cotton warehouse was completely wrecked. Most of the injured were cut by flying glass from broken windows.

#### LITTLE ROCK ESCAPES VORTEX OF TWISTER

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 29.—Little Rock escaped by a hair's breadth the vortex of a "twister" which swung through Central Arkansas last night, damaging farm houses and orchards, and crippling communication between cities. No loss of life was reported.

Although the storm was not as severe as in Oklahoma, reports filtering in from the rural section early today indicated that much damage had been done in the rice belt around Loneoke and England.

#### Mrs. Simpson to Be Buried This Afternoon

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Simpson, 36, who died Friday about 7:45 p. m. at the family residence, 920 Beaumont avenue, will be conducted at 2 o'clock this afternoon from the residence. Rev. S. W. Hampton, pastor of the Nazarene church, officiating. Burial will be made in the Black cemetery, at Port Neches, under the direction of J. E. Grammer, undertaker.

Mrs. Simpson is survived by her husband, W. A. Simpson, carpenter, and one son. Death occurred after an illness extending over many months.

## May Compel County to Pay \$72,000 Tax Contract

### DE WITT ASSIGNS \$4,000 TO BANK

Contract Signed By Judge B. B. Johnson

#### DE WITT HAS COPY

Keeling Claims Deal Illegal But It Is Not Rescinded

Suit to compel the commissioners court of Jefferson county to carry out provisions named in the contract authorizing the reblooming of property in the county is believed to be the next step of R. B. DeWitt of the firm signed to do this work.

In view of the attorney general's ruling declaring the method of awarding this contract to be illegal because of the absence of competitive bids, no action has been taken as yet by the county officials who authorized the contract, to rescind their action.

Johnson Signs Contract  
The contract, which the attorney general has held to be illegal, was signed by County Judge B. B. Johnson and R. B. DeWitt for the firm of engineers who were to do the work.

Assignment of the first payment of \$4,000 due Tuesday for the work on the contract signed by Judge Johnson, has been made by DeWitt with a Dallas bank.

According to the contract provision is made for 15 such monthly payments.

Commissioners Do Not Sign  
It was reported here none of the commissioners had signed the contract, but had voted approval of the work, with the exception of Charles Hughes, commissioner of Precinct 2, who was against the proposal to expend the sum of money demanded.

The first payment of \$4,000 is not due until Tuesday and it is expected the commissioners' court will take definite action on the project in its meeting Monday.

Under the plan advanced, the individual ownership of each block of land in Jefferson county will be replatted for tax assessment purposes.

## RECOVER BODIES OF 15 MINE DEAD

### 11 Still Missing in West Virginia Horror

CHARLESTON, West Va., March 29.—Fifteen bodies of the twenty-six miners killed yesterday in a gas explosion at the Yukon number 2 mine of the Yukon Poolsouth Coal company have been brought to the surface.

Rescue workers have penetrated far into the mine in search of additional bodies.

Relatives and friends of the dead miners stood about the mine mouth during the night, watching the rescue work. There was practically no hysteria, the women accompanying their lost with stoic calm.

The bureau of mines here was still without details of the disaster.

Yukon, a mining settlement in McDowell county, is without telephone service and its only communication with the outside world is over rough roads.

The blast occurred just after the men entered the mine yesterday morning about three-quarters of a mile inside the mine.

#### LIQUOR DESTROYED BY CUSTOMS EMPLOYEES

Wines, cordials and champagne of undetermined value yesterday was destroyed by the basement of the post office building by customs employees and Bea Cowen, federal prohibition officer. The liquor destroyed yesterday afternoon represented the seizures of the past year by customs officers.

#### REPORTS WATCH STOLEN

Theft of a watch, suit of clothes and \$7.50 in money today was reported to police by A. L. Gillman, roomer at 515 Fifteenth street. The thief entered by one of the rear doors to the house and escaped without leaving a clue.

#### SLAYER WINS STAY

OKLAHOMA CITY, March 29.—Jury in the case of the slayer of a man today won a stay of execution for the murder of Jack Pope, a restaurant man, in the court of criminal appeals.

#### BOY HIT BY AUTO NOT SERIOUSLY HURT

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## Wife Claims Husband Made Love to Her While Plotting Her Death



Mrs. Josephine Lanzit, Venice (Calif.) beauty, and her husband, Joseph J. Lanzit (in inset), who she charges plotted to kill her while he still was making love to her.

By JACK JUNGMEYER  
NEA Service Writer  
LOS ANGELES, March 29.—Making love to his third wife while he plotted an infernal machine to blow her to atoms, is the confessed murderous duplicity of Joseph J. Lanzit.

Lanzit, 62, was arrested in the act of planting a dynamite bomb, said by experts to have been powerful enough to raise 60 houses.

He and his intended victim, Mrs. Josephine Lanzit, noted beauty and prominent business woman of Venice, Calif., disagree only as to his motive. He claims it was insane jealousy.

She supported by investigating officers, say it was a monstrous greed.

The two had been temporarily separated. Lanzit carried on his secret love making over the phone. A Canadian war veteran whom Lanzit sought to use as an accomplice, informed the sheriff.

An Ardent Lover  
"All the time he was plotting this diabolical thing," says Mrs. Lanzit, "he was as sweet and affectionate as could be, calling me endearing names and pleading for my renewed faith."

He telephoned many times a day. But his heart was stilling murder under the honey words.

## Probe Guns to Be Aimed at Mellon In Ouster Attempt

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To Quiz G. O. P. Finance Chief  
Will Hays, who was charged by Jennings with getting \$25,000 of the million, also will go on the stand next week to be questioned regarding his vehement denial of the story.

Walsh now plans to examine William Joyce Thompson, former chairman of the republican party finance committee on Tuesday when the committee resumes its hearings.

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Funeral services for G. Kopernick, 69, who died Friday afternoon about 2:30 o'clock at the residence of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Jacobs, 3500 Fifth street, will be conducted from the residence Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rabbi Samuel Rosinger, of Beaumont, officiating. Burial will be made in the Hebrew Orthodox cemetery, at Beaumont, under the direction of J. E. Grammer, undertaker.

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## INCENDIARY IS BLAMED FOR FIRE

Chas. Quartraro, 845 W. 15th, Reports Attempt

### FIND OIL SOAKED SACKS

Loss Held to \$200, But Officers Find No Clue

Business jealousy is the reason assigned by police for an alleged attempt made at 1:30 o'clock this morning to fire the grocery store of Charles Quartraro, 845 West Fourteenth street. The fire they said, endangered six lives.

Quartraro, his wife and four small children were asleep in the rooms in the rear of the store when the fire broke out. They were awakened by negro residents of that section as the flames were eating their way through the front door.

Officers Discover Blaze  
Detective X. O. Brizendine and Patrolman C. E. Smith were patrolling Houston avenue shortly after 1 o'clock this morning when they noticed a small blaze down West Fourteenth street from Houston avenue.

Rushing down to the fire they found the entire store front enveloped in a blaze.

Brizendine discharged his six shooter into the air, aroused the neighbors and formed a bucket brigade to fight the flames.

According to investigation made by the two police officers after the fire had been put out disclosed the fact that gunny sacks soaked with coal oil had been stuffed under the front porch and floor of the grocery store and set afire.

Find No Clue to Firebug  
Investigation this morning by officers failed to reveal a single clue whereby the firebug might be traced. The shopkeeper said he could think of no one who held a grudge against him sufficient to incite such an act.

Quartraro has been in Port Arthur for the past nine years, he told police today.

The damage, amounting to about \$200 was covered by insurance, it is understood.

## BROWN JURY IS DEADLOCKED

11 to 1 for Conviction Is Report Current in Beaumont

Special to The News.  
BEAUMONT, Texas, March 29.—Given the case at 6 o'clock last night, the jury trying R. B. Brown of Port Arthur on charges of transporting intoxicating liquor were reported deadlocked this afternoon.

Outside the jury room reports were current the jury stood 11 to 1 for Brown's conviction.

Brown was arrested in Port Arthur a few months ago. A search of his room following his arrest revealed, it was charged, a witness stand, a grip containing whisky.

Motion for a change of venue because of the alleged prejudice against Brown in this county yesterday was overruled by Judge George C. O'Brien when the plea was made by defense counsel.

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## OFFICERS SHOT

Jury Probes Death, 2 Held In Rum War

NACOGDOCHES, Texas, March 29.—A grand jury today was investigating the shooting that surrounded a rum-running capture by a sheriff's posse last night in which three were slain.

Deputy Sheriff Johnny Martin was killed, Sheriff T. G. Baugh was wounded and Bud Dickinson, a negro, is near death as a result of part of his head being shot away.

Al Hanks is under arrest on charge of murder, and L. V. Noble, negro, is held on a similar charge.

## FIGHTING PADRE DIES

By United Press.  
LOS ANGELES, March 29.—Father Joseph R. McQuaid, the "fighting padre" of world war fame, died at the Sisters Hospital here at 2 a. m. today.

Death followed an illness of several days' duration, in which a complication of diseases following an appendicitis attack proved fatal.

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## FAIR, COLDER

LOCAL FORECAST: Tonight, fair, colder. Sunday, partly cloudy.  
EAST TEXAS: Tonight, fair, colder. Monday, mostly cloudy.  
LOUISIANA: Tonight, fair, colder. Sunday, fair.  
WINDS ON TEXAS COAST: Moderate to fresh.

## SHORT STORIES

Facts With Frills, Factions And Otherwise By "S. S."

Windy.

Spring again.

Tried to rain.

Brown jury deadlocked.

More like the March lamb today.

We'll be first out in a week's time.

Weekly payday, last five in month.

Baseball this afternoon and tomorrow.

Straw hats being shown on the Riohito.

City hall given weekly housecleaning today.

Scout Exec Dave Eddy figuring on turning sleuth.

Water warming up for swimming, say reports.

New wheel being held at police station for owner.

Willard Davis paid a flying trip up-town this a. m.

Traffic violators up before local justices of the peace.

Joe Palfia, attorney, has a sure bet for making fish bite.

Salvation Army will open headquarters in Port Arthur.

New picture of Cap Lee Fox decorating police headquarters.

DAILY SHIP SCORE: In Port Arthur, 15; at Beaumont, 4.

"Hunt a Job" slogan of Chief Walt Corington still hung out.

Kite fall hung up on the wireless over Joe Grammer's place this a. m.

Bert Hughes dashed thither and yon throughout the loop district today.

Transmarine ship Bucarezo will not sail before the early part of next week.

Preliminary contests for interscholastic meet on in Port Arthur school.

Gasoline consumption increasing with warm weather, say filling station men.

Cold tomatoes and buttermilk recommended for night owls by Woodrow Fuller.

Elk flying circus tomorrow at El Vista field.

Golf widows' club begins recruiting membership.

L. D. Crossman, immigration inspector, paid a late afternoon call to the waterfront Friday.

Gene Montgomery spent five minutes napping in a Procter street photographer's show window this a. m.

Auto smash on Austin between Procter and Fifth this a. m. made a lot of noise but caused no damage or injuries.

Charley Hughes, county commissioner from Port Arthur, among those present in the Austin-Procter corner club this a. m.

Chautauque season tickets go on sale Monday at 344 Procter, C. E. Earhart, president of the Chautauque association here, advises.

Sergeant Dutel, of the U. S. public health service, said he didn't know he had bugs in his mouth until one of the surgeons showed him with a microscope.

Leonard Power, P. A. college proxy, opined he always has a lot of money, but he can't spend it. "Not because there's too much to spend, but because it isn't mine," Leonard explains.

Six winners in Franklin school declamation contests Friday afternoon were: Wyatt Gullip, Theodore Holt, Chester Hill, Catherine Hunt, Jane Hebert and Flora Belle Pattison.

George Caldwell, S. P. agent here, says friends have been picking hairs off his coat all morning. "Not because they're too much to spend, but because it isn't mine," Leonard explains.

Tiny British two-masted schooner Lady Antioch made the run up to Port Arthur from the Grand Cayman island in six days, arriving here Friday. An auxiliary engine helped the craft turn out the knots.

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# Churches

**ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL**  
Rev. John McMane, Jr., pastor.  
9:30 a. m.—Sunday school, C. H. Condit, superintendent.  
11:00 a. m.—Morning service; sermon by the pastor.  
6:30 p. m.—Young People's Service; sermon by the pastor.  
7:30 p. m.—Evening service with address.  
Week day services during last:  
Tuesday—7:30 a. m.—Holy Communion.  
Wednesday—7:30 p. m.—Liturgy and address.  
Friday—7:30 p. m.—study class of the Young People's Service League.

**FIRST M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH**  
1241 Fifth Street  
V. A. Godbey, pastor.  
Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. G. K. Lomax, superintendent.  
Preaching at 1 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by V. A. Godbey.  
Epworth League meet at 6:15 p. m.  
Junior Epworth League meets at 8 p. m.  
Mexican Sunday school and preaching at 2 p. m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.  
The official board meets Monday at 7:30 p. m., and members are requested to pay up in full to date so that all claims may be met. Our Sunday school has reached an attendance of 600, and we can have 700 there Sunday morning if we make the proper effort.

**CENTRAL BAPTIST**  
Sixth and St. Augustine  
T. E. Carnes, pastor.  
The Sunday school will meet at 10 o'clock. In connection with the Sunday school hour and a part of the preaching hour there will be rendered a special Missionary program. The pastor will preach morning and evening. At the morning service a further consideration of new location for the church will be made. Every member of the church is urged to be present, or at least every home in the membership of the church should be represented.  
Interesting programs will be given by the various unions at 6:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.  
A cordial invitation to all.

**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
Sixth and Mobile  
Chas. E. Weidner, pastor.  
9:45 a. m.—Church school.  
10:30 a. m.—Morning worship.  
6:30 p. m.—Christian Endeavor.  
Beginning Sunday morning the following sermons on "The Great Task of the Church" will be delivered:  
March 30: "The Great Task of the Church, or, The Making of Disciples."  
April 6: "The Great Task of the Church, or, The Church as the People's University."  
April 13: "The Great Task of the Church, or, The Part the Church must Play in National and International Problems."  
April 20: "Immortality, or, What has Modern Science to Say Regarding It?"

**FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL**  
Lefebvre and Sittell  
C. W. Rodgers, pastor.  
Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Wilbur Abbey, superintendent. Another record breaking attendance last Sunday. Everyone welcome.  
Morning worship, 10:45. Special music by the choir. Rev. John M. Shank, formerly of Olean, New York, will preach.  
Senior and Intermediate Epworth Leagues meet at 6:30 p. m.  
Evening worship, 7:30. Special music.  
Wednesday evening open house and special study. The life of St. Paul has been finished. Beginning next Wednesday night we will study the Word of Service book. A good many of the members of the church have these books. We would like to have a large number present and study what Methodism is doing in its world field.

**MEMORIAL BAPTIST**  
West Sixteenth Street  
J. F. Dobbs, pastor.  
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Mrs. Hazel Woodman, superintendent.

**LIBERTY Theatre**  
Open 10 a. m. to 11 p. m.  
TODAY ONLY  
George Cheesboro  
—In—  
"Diamond Carlisle"  
TOMORROW ONLY  
Leo Maloney  
—In—  
"Heading Through"

**Sick Headache**  
"I have used Black-Draught when needed for the past 25 years," says Mrs. Emma Grimes, of Forbes, Mo. "I began taking it for a bad case of constipation and feel just miserable—stomach, tired, a bad taste in my mouth, and soon my head would begin hurting and I would have a severe sick headache. I don't know just who started me to taking."

**THEODOR'S BLACK-DRAUGHT**  
but it did the work. It just seemed to cleanse the liver. Very soon I felt like new.  
Constipation causes the system to re-absorb poisons that may cause great pain and much danger to your health. Take Theodor's Black-Draught. It will stimulate the liver and help to drive out the poisons.  
Sold by all dealers. Costs only one cent a dose.  
EX-104

**BACK NEARLY KILLED HIM**  
Soon Discovers Health After Taking Dr. Thatcher's Liver and Blood Syrup

"Dr. Thatcher's Liver and Blood Syrup started me on the road to good health and I am now, well and strong," said T. J. Gee, 1617 Crump St., Ft. Worth, Texas.  
"My stomach was all out of order and I was all the time having trouble with gas and indigestion. Headaches made me miserable and my back would nearly kill me. I had rheumatism in my legs and sometimes would get so dizzy I'd come near falling. My nerves were wrecked and I couldn't half sleep at night."  
"After trying many other preparations without getting anywhere I at last got hold of Dr. Thatcher's Liver and Blood Syrup and began to mend right off."  
Dr. Thatcher's Liver and Blood Syrup is sold by all druggists and if you are not satisfied the purchase price will be refunded.—Adv.

**HAUTAUQUA**  
Seven Big Days  
Season ticket sale positively closes at 6 p. m. opening day  
Port Arthur  
April 4 to 11  
NO SUNDAY PROGRAMS  
Season ticket prices: Adults \$5.00; students \$2.00; children \$1.00.

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840 Ft. Worth Ave.  
Phone 733

**CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
Twelfth and Waco  
Rev. S. W. Hampton, pastor.  
Sunday services:  
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.  
Morning worship, 11 a. m.  
At this service the study of the general rules and special advice of the church will be continued, if Providence will.  
Junior Y. P. S., 6 p. m.  
Senior Y. P. S., 6 p. m.  
Evangelistic service, 7:15 p. m.  
Week services:  
Prayer meeting Tuesday and Friday, 7:15 p. m.  
Ladies prayer band, Wednesday, 2 p. m. at the home of Mrs. M. Trumps, 218 East Sixteenth street.  
Women's Missionary society all day at the church, with devotional service at 10 a. m. Bring your lunch and your table.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
1601 Sixth Street  
L. E. Carpenter, minister.  
Bible study 9:45 a. m.  
Preaching and worship 10:40 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.  
All the leaders are urged to be there ready for business.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.  
Ladies' class Thursday at 2 p. m.  
These services are helpful, and should be attending them, if possible. Are you a scholar in God's army? Do you know what becomes of all deserters and scholars? It is about time you were getting busy in His service.  
Song practice Friday, 7:30 p. m.

**FIRST BAPTIST**  
Corner Fifth and Shoreport  
Clifton W. Culp, pastor.  
Every department is working for a record-breaking attendance in our Sunday school at 9:30 Sunday morning. An earnest appeal is being made to all members to be present and a sincere invitation is extended to all who are not enlisted elsewhere. Our

**FIRST CHRISTIAN**  
Corner Fifth and Houston Ave.  
E. R. Kelderman, minister.  
Bible school, 9:45 a. m., Mrs. H. D. Stanley, Supt.  
Last Sunday our school again broke all its previous records with an attendance of 446. There were newly added in the adult department alone. All members of the First Christian church are urged to be present at Bible school Sunday morning and help pass the 500 mark in attendance.  
Morning worship, 10:45. Sermon, "The Ideal Husband and Father."  
At this service letters will be read by prominent Port Arthur married women giving their conceptions of the ideal husband and father.  
Intermediate Endeavor, 4 p. m.  
Senior Endeavor 6:30 p. m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday night 7:30. Meeting led by the Intermediate Christian Endeavorers.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Corner Mobile and Fifth  
T. M. Davis, pastor.  
Sunday school 9:15. J. H. Wheeler, superintendent. Our contest is to secure the attendance. Last Sunday was the largest school for the

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232 Eighth Street  
Sunday school, 10 a. m.  
Worship, 11 a. m.  
We are glad to report a substantial increase in the Sunday school attendance the last few Sundays.  
You are welcome at all our services.

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**ICE OF GOD ON NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 4**  
The new church is located corner St. Augustine and Fifth street.  
The elders will meet at the parsonage next Tuesday night.  
The male choir meets Thursday and the mixed choir Friday night.  
Leaven service next Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. in the old church.

**RAILROAD ENGINE HOUSE DESTROYED**  
OIL CITY, Pa., March 29.—The engine house of the Allegheny division of the Pennsylvania railroad at North Oil City, near here, was totally destroyed by fire of undetermined origin early today with a loss estimated at \$75,000. Nine engines were badly damaged.

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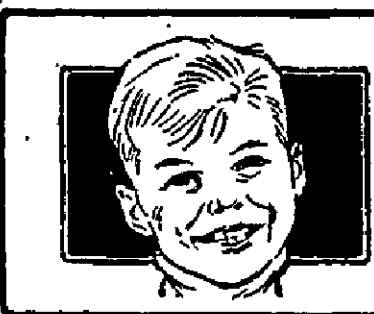
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# A PAGE FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

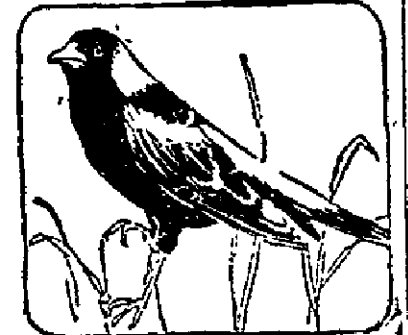
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## SIGHTSEEING TRIPS WITH THE BIRDS

The bobolink belongs to the blackbird family, strange to say, as do also the red-winged blackbird and the meadowlark.

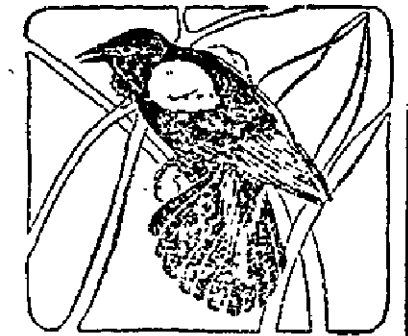
The bobolink is early to arrive and early to leave. Sometimes by



The Cheery Bobolink

The Fourth of July you may see this jet black bird, with back and wings of white and a buff patch on his neck, starting from the northward fields toward the south. The bobolinks descend in herds on the rice plantations of the South when the grain is in the milk, doing millions of dollars of damage to the crops. The rice-bird, as he is called there, is snared or poisoned and it is common to buy for fifty cents in the markets half a dozen birds that have been shot, plucked and prepared for the oven.

As the bobolink travels south his feathers change to a winter suit of striped brown such as sparrows wear. Those that escape death by the angry owners of the rice-fields go by way of Florida to Brazil for the colder months.



The Gay Red-Wing

Down among the cat-tails by the water the red-winged blackbird lives and sings his gurgling song. An author or bird stories says that his "Oo-long-ee-ee" sounds as if he had water in his windpipe. The red-winged blackbird is young, the father sings in a lusty rich voice close beside it, very proud of his babies. He circles about the nest pecking angrily at any passerby whom he always suspects of wanting to rob him of his children. But by July the father has become a restless family deserter. He fluffs away with other birds, leaving his babies to the care of their mother.

The meadowlark has a rude habit of turning his back upon us as though he were a cat. He has a breast with his black, crescent too beautiful to gaze upon. He is a good example of protective coloring, for the brownish mottled back and wings blend in with the grasses of the field where he lives. His nest, too, is made of grasses, flat on the ground, so it is no wonder the farmer allows his moving machine to pass over the nest, often ruining eggs and all before he sees it. The mate, which is just like the male, is kept securely at home in the nest, hatched over with grass while her husband, ever in his yellow, leagued way to a stump or low fence rail to sing his tender, sweet song, "Spring o' the Year!"



Oriole Has Queer Song

There is a flash of flame in the maple tree, a high whistled song follows, and we know the Baltimore oriole, another member of the ill-assorted blackbird family, has arrived from Central America where he wintered.

The Baltimore oriole is so named because Lord Baltimore in olden time had for his heraldic colors black and orange. This will surprise many who take it for granted that the city in Maryland was responsible for this oriole's name. Lady Baltimore wore a yellow, olive dress with dusky wings and tail. The nest she weaves is a remarkable pocket which swings from a limb about twenty-five feet above the ground. Sometimes it is hung over a river, and the baby orioles, seeking to climb out of the deep pouch before they are able to fly, are often drowned in the strong

## HOW TO GIVE A PARTY ON APRIL FOOL'S DAY

One may go to an April Fool party with his mind firmly made up that he will believe nothing he sees or hears, but if the hostess is clever, before that person has been at the party many minutes he will find that, in spite of his resolution that he's been tricked, and the laugh's on him!

For instance, when he goes into the house and sees a "Wet Paint" sign on a door, the natural thing to do is to walk past gingerly, though if he thinks he will realize the sign is only part of the April foolishness, for the door is safe and dry.

When wraps are taken off, the guests will be annoyed to find, upon looking in the mirror, that they are perfect frights. Trying to fix up a bit with powder that turns out to be flour, and trying to see their back hair in a handglass that has a broken front, will finally force the truth on them that the mirror is a distorted one, which accounts for their odd appearance. On the way back downstairs some one will be sure to pick up a lost handkerchief, only to find that it is fastened to a string and was put there to tease trusting folk. And if by that time he hasn't learned to view the party with a mistrustful eye, he may try to pick up a quarter from the floor, which he won't be able to do because it is glued there.

When the Table's Turned

Soon an April Fool game is started. The hostess gathers a crowd around her, explaining that she will be able to tell the name of any musical number her friends select if they will only beat time silently with their fingers. The hostess leaves the room to allow her guests to decide upon a popular piece. When she returns, all beat time in unison, making no sound. The hostess listens, then exclaims that she has guessed it. "What are we playing?" asked the leader. "You are all playing the fool!" is the hostess' reply.

Every One Makes a Rhyme

A game to play with paper and pencil is Foolish Rhymes. Papers are passed around, the top of each bearing the words:

"It happened once on April Fool,"

Each person adds a second line that rhymes, then, turning down the paper so that what he has written is concealed, he passes the sheet on to the next one. The third line is then added, and so on, until the fourth line is completed. The papers are passed again, then opened and read one at a time. The players have been instructed to make their lines humorous. So a sample of what one may find has passed down is:

"It happened once on April Fool, The autumn air was fresh and cool, He cried, 'I will not go to school! Fair Alice was a small white mule'."

Below. The oriole is not a plentiful species of bird, and considering those that are killed in their babyhood, the eggs that are destroyed when crows, screech owls, grackles and even red squirrels plunder the oriole nest, it is small wonder that the birds are scarce.

Orioles until they are about three years old are usually a dull brownish orange-yellow color like their mother, but they turn brilliant in time. The oriole's song is a sympathetic trill. Compared to the sweet music of many other birds of the orchard, it seems that he is the ragtime-singer of the group, throwing out a few notes, then pecking for a few minutes at a caterpillar or beetle, and breaking forth again. Oriole eggs are white with fine lines and speckles of black.

Cowbird Is Wicked

The cowbird is the disreputable member of the blackbird family. He is a walking bird that follows the cows and feeds upon the parasites on their backs. This blackbird with his coffee-brown head, neck and breast is shut out from polite society in the bird world because of the lawlessness of the female, who deposits her eggs in the nests of other birds, letting various members of the neighborhood hatch and rear her big, greedy babies.

The yellow warbler outwits the cowbird by weaving a new bottom in her nest over the egg that the skulking bird manages to sneak in. Her own speckled eggs may be sealed up with it, but she knows if she hatches a cowbird that her own youngsters will starve while the intruder devours all the food she works herself to death to provide for the nest. She may have to weave two or even three floors, sealing up the eggs beneath, and such nests, when found, are very interesting to examine.

### PETER PUZZLE SAYS—

Behold a part and get an animal. Behold again and get a form of the verb to be. Behold to cut and get to perceive. Behold again and get the object with which you perceive.



You should select your most innocent guest to send on the "Fool's Errand."

## STORIES OF PRECIOUS JEWELS

The queen of precious stones is the diamond. It is of greater value than any other precious stone, and is undoubtedly the most beautiful. In early Greek days the diamond was called adamas, meaning "the unshakable," because of its hardness and resistance to fire. Pliny, an early writer, gave a description of it, saying it exceeded in value all human things, being the property fit only for kings, and not all kings at that.

Australia, though they are but small ones.

South Africa has become the treasure trove of diamonds in recent times. In 1867 a Dutch farmer bought a bright stone from a native to give to his children for a plaything. A traveler who saw it described that it was a diamond of value. An investigation of the source proved that a wealth of diamonds was to be found in the vicinity. Since that time a large part of the diamond supply is brought from the Orange River district near the Cape of Good Hope in South Africa.



The illustration shows how diamonds were once used in England to make frames for painted miniatures and cameos.

Diamonds are cut in several ways. Two diamonds are securely fastened and rubbed together until each has obtained the desired shape. A "rose-cut" diamond is one which is flat underneath and topped by twelve or more little facets, the uppermost ending in a point.

The Orloff diamond in the scepter of the emperor of Russia has been known through history as one of the largest. One story says it formed the eye of an idol in India and was stolen by a Frenchman; another says it belonged to a Shah of Persia who was murdered. An Armenian merchant took it to Paris and sold it. Somehow it came into the possession of Count Orloff, who bought it for the Empress Catherine for a fabulous sum. The Pitt diamond is another well-known one. It was mounted in the hat of the sword of state worn by Napoleon I. These unusually large diamonds seem to pass eventually into the hands of royalty, for the Austrian royal family owns the third largest diamond in the world, the Florentine, or Grand Duke and England's Crown possesses the Koh-i-noor, which means Mountain of Light. It was mined near Golconda, so history says, and worn 5,000 years ago by an Indian hero. Some say that the Koh-i-noor and the Orloff diamonds were parts of the same great stone owned by the Great Mogul. It was cut up into thirds, the last part having been found in India in 1832, but if left united would have been the most wonderful diamond of history.

The Indian and Arabian stones were at that time the most famous, their hardness being so great that people said if the stones were struck with a hammer, even the iron and anvil would be torn apart, but the diamonds would be unharmed. Other superstitions held that the stone could not be burned away unless first dipped in fresh goat's blood.

In Brazil in 1727 some one discovered that the sparkling stones being used by the negroes for counters in their card games were valuable diamonds. Diamond mines were immediately opened up and proved a source of wealth, though Brazilian diamonds were not considered in Europe to be of equal value to those from India.

Diamonds have been mined in

The best joke of all at the party is one patterned after an old Scotch trick for April Fool. The hostess may call aside some very conscientious person and explain that she cannot serve refreshments without some more plates. She hands him a note to carry to a neighbor, telling him that Mrs. Green will read there what is wanted and give him the things to bring back. The boy starts out, never suspecting that there is an April Fool sign on his back. At Mrs. Green's door he learns that he must go over to Mrs. Brown's for the dishes, for she has just loaned her best china to her daughter, who is giving a party. Mrs. Brown, it seems, has no ice cream plates, and the boy, so she says, does not ask for dinner plates. Her suggestion is that the boy go next door to Mrs. Smith's. If the boy has not "tumbled" by this time, he may continue on his fool's errand until somebody tells him the note explains that those who receive it are to each send the boy on to another person. If the guests at the party have been put wise to the trick being played on their comrade, his empty-handed return will be greeted with much laughter.

### Refreshments Come Next

The dining table centerpiece at an April Fool party may on first glance seem to be the conventional basket of fruit. On closer inspection it turns out to be a choice collection of assorted vegetables, carefully scrubbed Irish potatoes, carrots, radishes, celery, even a purple eggplant in the corner.

Small menus in front of the places announce these refreshments:

Chocolate Sundae  
Oranges  
Empty plates are passed first. No one person gets the same thing six times. One may receive a bread-and-butter plate, another a soup dish, still another a meat platter. When oranges are passed, each guest helps himself from the fruit basket in which they are piled. He takes a spoon at the same time he receives his orange, and the one who passes tells those being served that the oranges are to be eaten with the spoon. Then it is discovered that the tops of the oranges come off and the orange shell contains orange sheets.

What appears to be a platter of chocolate sundaes turns out, when each guest is served to one, to be cones of cake covered with chocolate icing. Since the orange turned out to be the ice cream, and the ice cream the cake, the guests wonder what the cake on the menu will be. About that time little cakes of soap, guest size, are given out as favors, and that is how the bill of fare turns out.

## BASKETBALL

FINE POINTS OF THE GAME



A team that sees the ball in the hands of the opponent nearly all the time will soon become discouraged. The ball is the main object of the game, therefore the team that never gets it, feels that its cause is lost. That is one reason for striving for possession of the ball—it keeps up the morale of your team at the same time it breaks down that of the opposing one.

Most players form the habit of executing maneuvers on the court in a certain way. It is for these habits that a player must watch in order to check the opponent. He may find that a player invariably pivots in a certain direction. When he has learned this, he can anticipate his opponent's movement and block a pass.

When advancing upon a player, you should watch his eyes, just as a boxer watches his adversary's eyes. Unless the opponent is experienced, he will betray the direction in which he intends to throw the ball, and you may see how to block the pass.

In dribbling, one way to evade the opponent is to shut from one side to the other, as indicated in the picture above, thus after following your dribble on one side for two or three steps, he will be thrown off at your change.

## A JOKE ON THE APRIL FOOLERS

"I'm so hungry I would do anything for a nice little cookie, or a good old drumstick," sighed Martha, eyeing the boxes on the hall table that the postman had just brought.

"Well, I think these food inside this one," replied Jane, her roommate, shaking one. "It's too bad the girls have gone on a hike. You know I make a practice of going to see people who have just received boxes of food from home. Somehow it always manages to drop around about the time they are opened. It's really quite as good as getting a box yourself."

"Oh, no it isn't," Martha insisted. "If these boxes were for us we could open them right now. As it is, we have to wait until the girls get back, and then probably die of hunger in the meantime."

"You'd think we hadn't had anything to eat for weeks to hear us talk. But it was a slim lunch we had, wasn't it?"

"Oh! I have the funniest idea," suddenly exclaimed Martha. "Do you realize that it's April Fool's Day? Let's open these boxes for a joke, help ourselves, and tie them up again."

"It's sort of a mean trick," hesitated Jane.

"Anything goes on April Fool's Day, so I'll tie the packages up carefully. I'll bet the girls will never know they've been opened."



Martha seized the first box and gently removed the strings, noting as she did it just how they were tied, so she could replace them the same way. Martha slipped off the wrapping paper. "But cakes!" cried the other, hilariously. "Help yourself!"

Martha and Jane took four or five of the little cakes, rearranged the others to fill up the gaping holes in the box, and tied it up so well that no one would ever guess it had been touched. The cakes proved delicious, so the girls tried the next bundle. Surely, the chocolate and salted nuts were their reward.

"Can they put people in jail for robbing their friends' week-end boxes?" giggled Jane, her mouth full of cake. "Blowing a safe would be nothing after this!"

"Don't lose your nerve," warned Martha. "There's one package left." She opened a gay bonbon box. "What could be nicer than to finish a feast with a chocolate drop! The box is simply packed! Sophie Newman will never miss a few creams."

"Take out some of the butter-scotchies too," prompted Jane. When the package was safely tied up again, the girls ran for the stairs, stuffing their mouths with the fruits of their last plunder.

"Oh!" screamed Martha, her face puckering in a wry knot.

"What's this candy made of?" choked Jane, getting rid of hers.

Martha looked at her fellow partner in crime, her whole body writhing with the pain of that terrible taste.

"I think it's soap. The April Fool joke's on us!"

Exacting  
"Is the editor particular?"  
"Nothing but. He raises a row if he finds a return upside down."

Returns  
Nurse: "It's triplets, sir!"  
Politician: "What? I demand a recount!"



### PETER PUZZLE SAYS—

Curtain a church community and get a gay city. Double curtain again and get a standard of value.

Curtain a scarf and get to choke. Double curtain again and get an article of apparel for warming the hands.

Curtain a crayon and get a sticky substance. Curtain again and get that which is gone forever.

Double curtain an alcove and get to breathe heavily. Curtain again and get a vessel used in cooking.

Double curtain the organ of taste and get a verb meaning to lift with pincers. Curtain again and get a standard of weight. Curtain again and get a preposition.

Randy Riddle Says—

If an English teacher is a book worm, what is a geometry teacher?

Answer to today's word puzzle: Parish, Paris, par, Muller, muffle, muff, Pascal, paste, pan, Pantry, pant, pan, Tongue, tongue, too, to.

Answer to today's riddle: A geometry teacher is an angleworm.

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## IN SNOPPYQUOP LAND



As I live and breathe, he's come at last! Cicero Spring, the Dude of the four seasons, is now with us. You know the saying, "In the spring a young Snoppyquop's fancy, etc.," and Cicero is certainly all dolled up in his fanciest clothes. His new South-Easter hat is well ventilated, showing that there is "nothing in it." (That's what the brain specialist said when he examined Cicero's head.) Doesn't he look magnificent, standing there in his new spring underwear, his one button spats, his two top hat and his kiddie gloves. In his hand he holds a flower that blooms in the spring, tra la la! It's a chrysanthemum—er, a chrysanth—that is, a krysantham—aw, call it a rose. I can spell that! P.S. The collic dog in the corner has got a collic-flower.

Enlightened  
"I have a window in my soul!"  
Announced the poet great.  
His brother said: "Your words give me  
"A pane I can't locate!"

Acrop Revised  
Birds of a feather flunk together.

She Knew  
Dorothy: "Did you enjoy the correspondence course you took last summer?"  
Marjorie: "Oh, it was all write."

Another Dumb One  
Little Boy: "Sheep are the dumbest animals."  
Mother (absently): "Yes, my lamb."

Impossible  
Youth (poetically): "Drink to me with thine eyes."  
Maiden: "I can't; I don't wear glasses."









USE OF POWER  
DOUBLES IN YEARTexas Electrical Plants  
Show Growth

DALLAS, Texas, March 29.—A report just issued by the United States census office shows that during the five years from 1917 to 1922 the number of central station electric light plants in Texas increased from 284 to 290, or 14 per cent. In the same time the capacity of such plants increased 95 per cent, and the number of customers increased 72 per cent.

This showing indicates the rapid growth of the communities served and reflects to some extent the movement to serve more than one community from a single plant with the object of arriving at greater economies of operation. Expenses of operation for these plants increased 129 per cent in the period under consideration, which was 20 per cent more than the increase in output. The cost of service to consumers, however, did not increase. Greater efficiency in operation presumably made up the difference of 20 per cent increase in the cost of producing the service.

## Amusements

SATURDAY

Strand: "Scaramouche" starring Alice Terry, Ramon Novarro, and others. Musical bill, "School Days", picture, "The Inner Chamber". Peoples: Pola Negri in "The Cheat". Liberty: George Chesebrough in "Diamond Cadeau".

YOUTHFUL ELOPERS  
CAUGHT IN PARIS

PARIS, Texas, March 29.—Louis Dupree, 19-year-old son of D. C. Dupree, living at Woodlawn, Choctaw county, Okla., and Jennie Smith, 13-year-old girl of the same community, were apprehended in this city Friday afternoon on advice from "Kluge" authorities. The two eloped on horseback and headed for Texas. They came to Paris, where they were taken into custody by officers. Neither had any money. The parents of the two came to Paris Saturday and took their children home.

BEST MAN BREAKS  
UP WEDDING PARTY

EL PASO, Texas, March 29.—He was best man at the wedding but it didn't mean anything in police court. Ernest Mable was fined \$10.50 for using abusive language, disturbing the peace and simple assault. He had accompanied a couple to the altar at the Rev. J. R. Carnes.

"He was so much and shrewd," the Rev. Carnes testified, "that I permitted him to be best man."

He was all rightable one water and both daughters, some work, tired eyes. Adv.

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Everything I ate seemed to form a heavy lump in my stomach and I would belch up sour gas. I had no appetite and got so nervous that the least thing irritated me. I was forced to be up several times each night and towards the last was getting worse so fast that I became very uneasy about myself.

A friend of mine had taken Merritone and insisted upon my trying it. I did, and was delighted with my improvement within a week. Before I had finished the first bottle I could eat anything I wanted with no distressing after-effects.

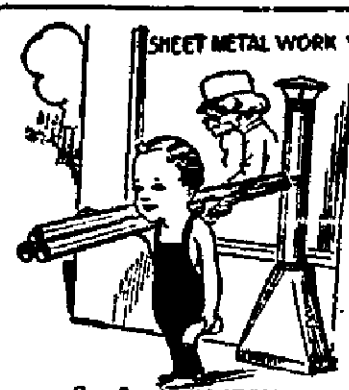
I had hardly started my second bottle when the pains in my back entirely disappeared and I could sleep all night without having to get up. I am taking the third bottle now and I feel just like a new being. I am going to take the prescribed five bottles and after that will never be without a bottle of this wonderful medicine in my home."

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## DOG DIES AFTER HE SAVES THE FAMILY

GREEN BAY, March 29.—Awakened to the fierce barking of the family dog, the family of William Beck, Howard, discovered their house on fire and had just time enough to flee before the upper story crumpled upon the foundation. When the second story toppled the dog was crushed under a mass of burning embers.

## MIDGET MARRIAGE

PLANNED AT BURNET

BURNET, Texas, March 29.—The Missionary Society of the Methodist church will stage a "Tom Thumb" wedding at the opera house Tuesday night, March 25. About 40 children will take part in the program.

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## The Tangle

LETTA FROM LESLIE PRESCOTT OF THE SECRET DRAWER

It does seem possible, little Marquette, that your life can completely change in a few hours. Yesterday, when I wrote you, I think I was the happiest woman on earth, and I know there is none more miserable.

Jack seemed pleased and happy to have me. He had a nice dinner waiting for me, and after we sat beside me on the sofa, and putting his arm around me and drawing me to him, he said, "I am glad you are back. I can tell you how lonely I have been."

"I don't know any gossip," answered. "I never let people tell me." "Are you sure you do not know that every one has said that it is Paula Perier that put little Jack in front of our door?"

"I believe I have heard something like that but I paid no attention to it. I thought it was God." Jack's arm clasped me tighter and his lips touched my hair lovingly. "I am sure at that time if it hadn't been for that blessed baby I wouldn't have wanted to live," I said solemnly. "If it really was Paula Perier I shall bless her as long as I am on this earth. I was almost sure the other day when she was here that she was really and truly little Jack's mother, and oh, how sorry I was for her!"

"I do not think I could have been as big as she was if I really were his mother. I could not have gone away without telling my secret. I think I should have made a scene. John Buckley and I insisted on taking my baby home with me."

"She is a big woman, dear, as strange as it may seem, I'm going to tell you she is a good woman, while I confess to you that Paula Perier is the mother of your adopted baby. John? Isn't little Jack adopted baby?"

"No, my dear. He is your adoption—but—Leslie. God gave me, I am his real father. I felt my eyes widen with awe and horror."

"Don't laugh at me, Jack. I am not like such kinds of jokes. I am trying to tell you that Paula Perier put little Jack in front of our door because she was almost dying and she had found that she would consider a young woman's baby and she decided to give it to me. I was almost sure she was perfectly able to bring it up on her own. I was the one to take care of it."

"Copyright, 1924, NEA Service." TOMORROW: More of letter from Leslie Prescott to Letta Prescott, care of the secret drawer.

## Texas Progs

NOTES

Fort Worth—Considerable extensions of the service of Fort Worth House and Lippman are to be made this week, reaching new districts of the Palacios. A new ward and other extensive improvements are under way in the local office which will make service much better.

San Benito—Construction of the electric transmission of the Valley Electric company of this city has made such progress that several points in the area now served from the central here. Athens—The new and cold storage plant of the Drance Ice company here is completed within 40 days. The state of the best ice plant in Texas. Menard—Use of the state's oil and gas on the Drance Ice company here is proving satisfactory. The development in this will be done by electric power.

Fort Worth—The Independent Telephone Co. here is holding a large annual convention here Friday with the city of Tyler as prior the ninth time. The secret for telephone traffic can be an outstanding feature.

PLANS CANAD NOISED SUGAR

PARIS, Mar. People whose

## LOVERS FIND THEY'RE TWINS

Live Near All Lives But Don't Know Kinship

CHARLESTOWN, Mass., March 29.—There always had been something strange to James Brady about the pretty girl who lives at 75 Tremont street, just two blocks from his home, on the slopes of Bunker Hill.

James is young, just 19, but for eight years the girl has fascinated him. When he was a small boy sight of her made his heart jump. He blushed when his eyes met hers. Her smile was friendly but it embarrassed him. He fought fist battles in her defense and the fellows said he was her beau.

Feeling is Natural But he wasn't her beau; yet he was drawn to her. The girl, Josephine Buckley, held a correspondingly tender feeling toward him. He was her hero, her big brother.

As they grew older, playing together, going to school together, James watched her beauty bloom. She had thick black hair, flashing black eyes, soft complexion and a lively smile. And James was particularly proud of her because she didn't go to the public dance halls with the other girls.

It was inevitable that the two would become sweethearts, but an untangible, hidden influence held them apart. They were twins, but they didn't know it.

Three years later Mrs. John Brady adopted James as her own son, changing his name.

So it was that the two, living within two blocks of each other, were brought up without knowing their relationship.

Salvation Army Seeks Quarters in Pt. Arthur

Quarters for a Salvation Army post in Port Arthur are being sought here by Captain J. L. Stiles, superintendent of the Salvation Army work in Beaumont and Port Arthur, and Envoys and Mrs. Hamilton, formerly in charge of Salvation Army posts in Mexico and Wichita Falls, who are in charge of the work in this city, Captain Stiles announced today.

The Salvation Army has been doing some work in Port Arthur for some time, but it is now felt that the field prevents such opportunities that special workers should be assigned to the city permanently. Captain Stiles said, in announcing the location of Envoys and Mrs. Hamilton in Port Arthur.

Envoys and Mrs. Stiles will do chivalry work, hospital visitation, home to home visitation, jail visitation and will arrange for Sunday school and other religious services as soon as a suitable hall can be located for the Salvation Army's Port Arthur headquarters, Captain Stiles said.

Beaumont Folk Sing At Christian Church Here

Talented artists from Beaumont will appear on the program Sunday evening at the First Christian church, preceding Rev. R. R. Yelchman's sermon on "The Ideal Husband and Father." Three numbers will be given, vocal and instrumental, by the Beaumont musicians, in addition to the music to be rendered by the choir under the direction of C. N. Hjer. The special music by the Beaumont musicians is being obtained through the courtesy of M. Beck, superintendent of the First Christian Sunday school of Beaumont, who will also be present Sunday night.

The service tomorrow night at the First Christian church promises to surpass all previous efforts, and arrangements are being made to seat a capacity crowd. The partition between the Endeavor room and the main auditorium has been removed in order that the large crowds who attend Sunday evening services may be seated.

FREED FROM PRISON BY MOTHER'S GRIEF

CHICPEWA FALLS, Wis., March 29.—Governor Blaine ordered Herbert Craft, a town of Hollie farmer, serving an eight months' sentence in the Wisconsin county jail, set free. In November, 1923, Craft pleaded guilty to three charges of prohibition law infraction—possession, manufacture and sale of intoxicants.

He was sentenced to jail when he was unable to pay a \$500 fine. A petition was circulated to obtain the freedom of Craft, whose aged mother, alone on Craft's farm, was said to be suffering because of her son's imprisonment.

A cherry tree two centuries old is still bearing fruit in a Japanese park.

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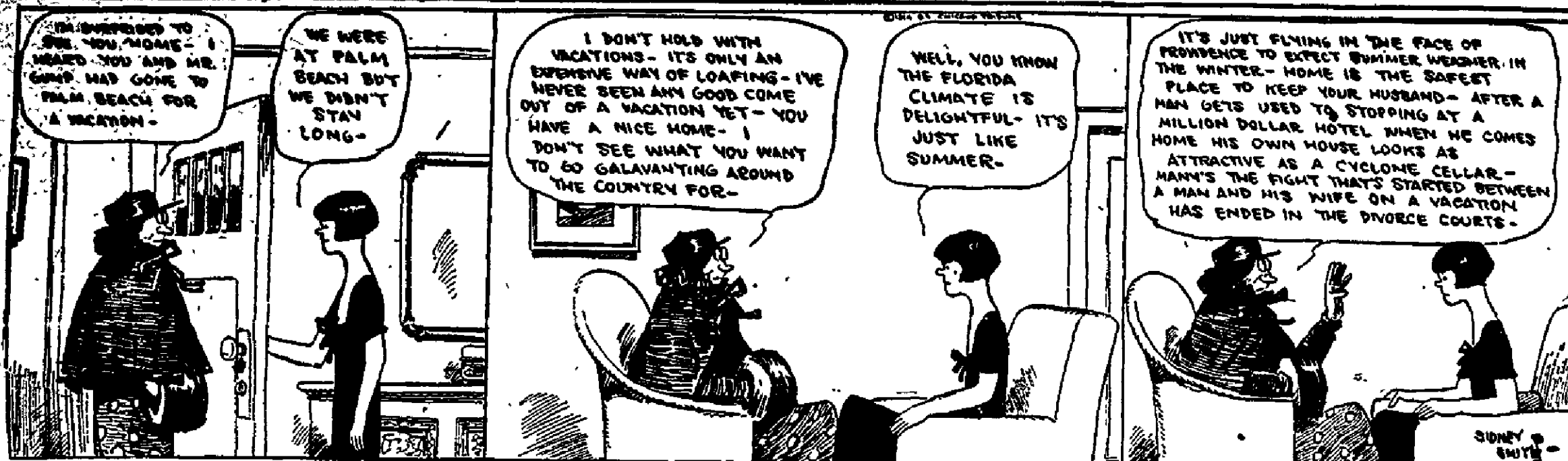








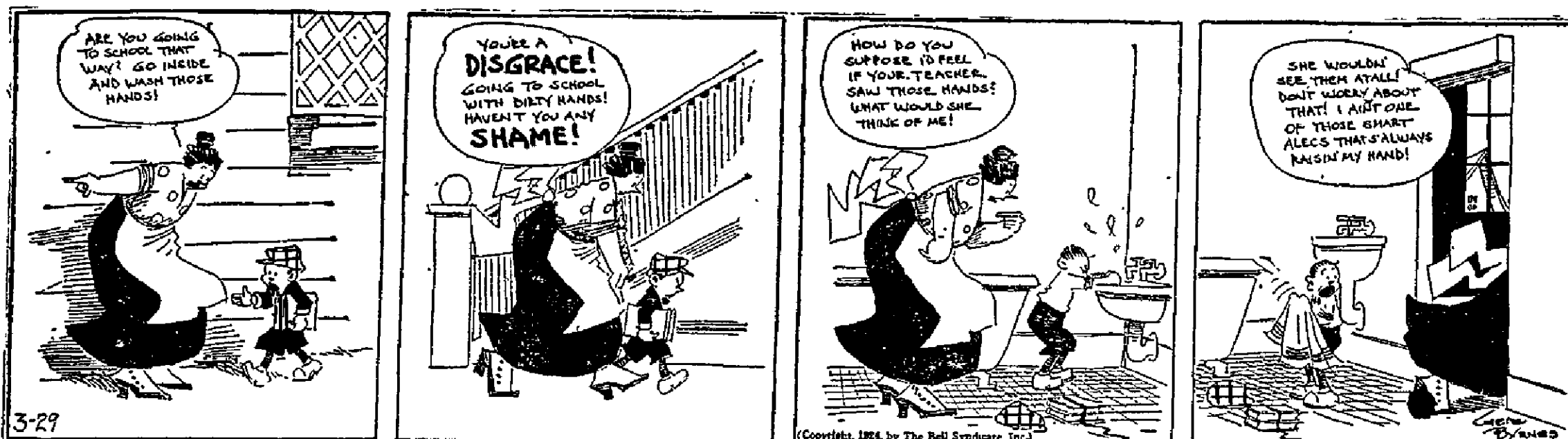
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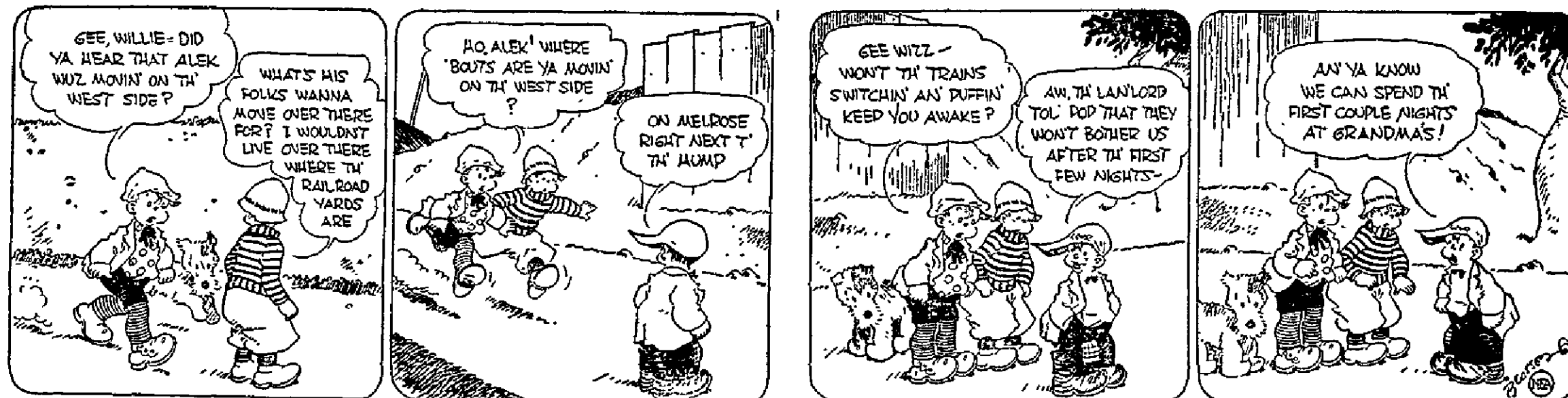
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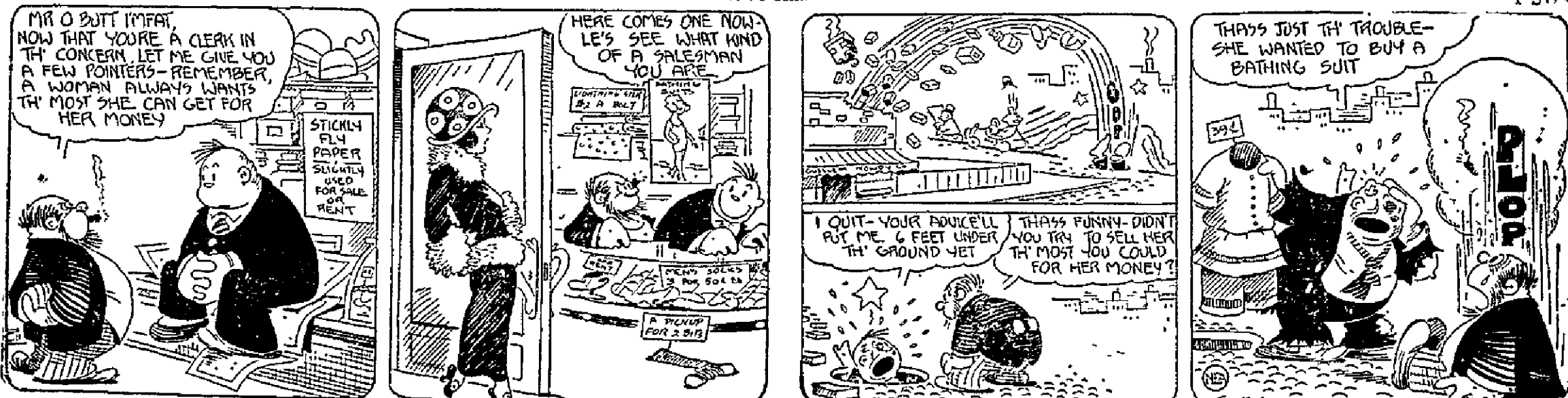
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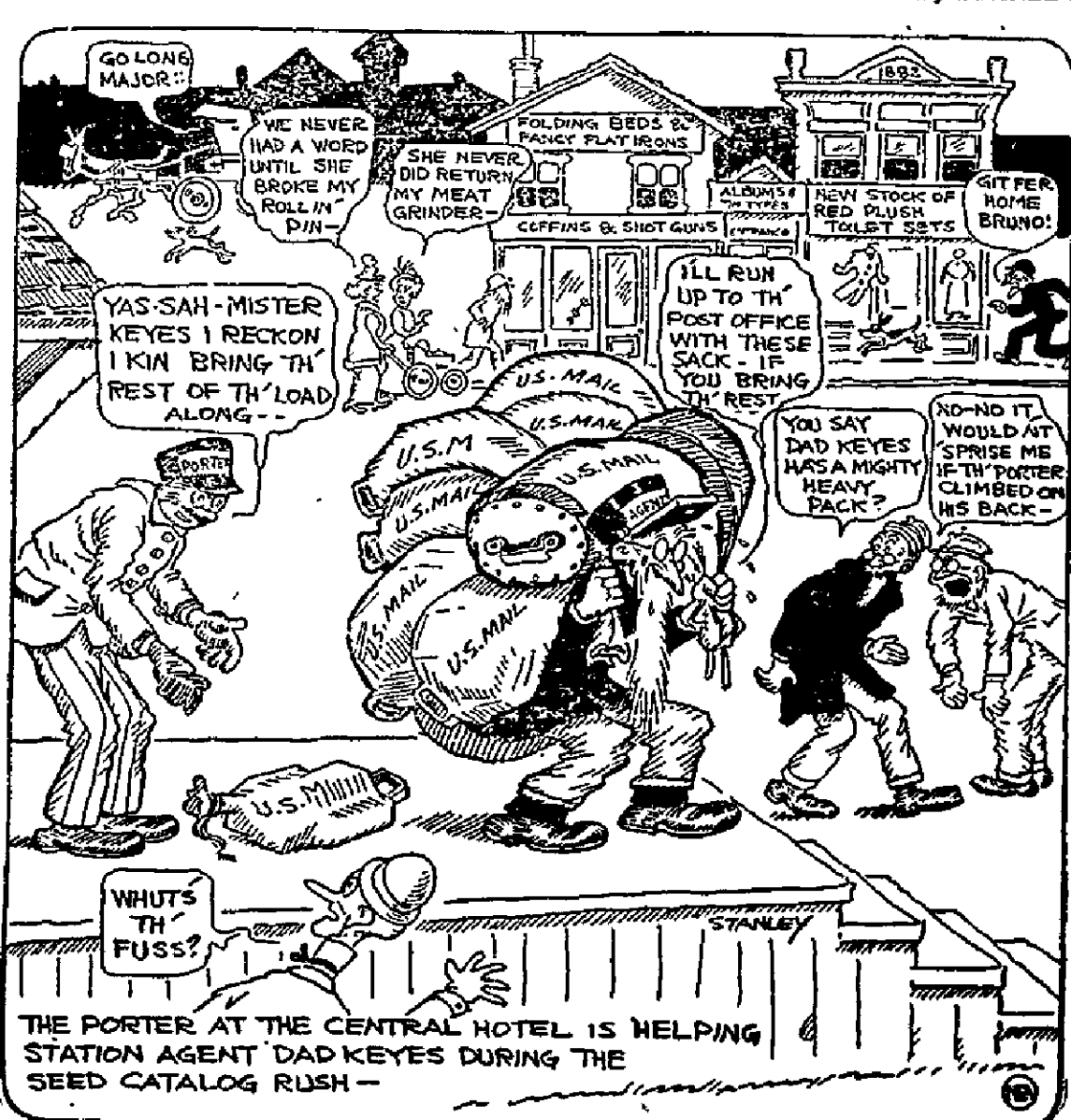
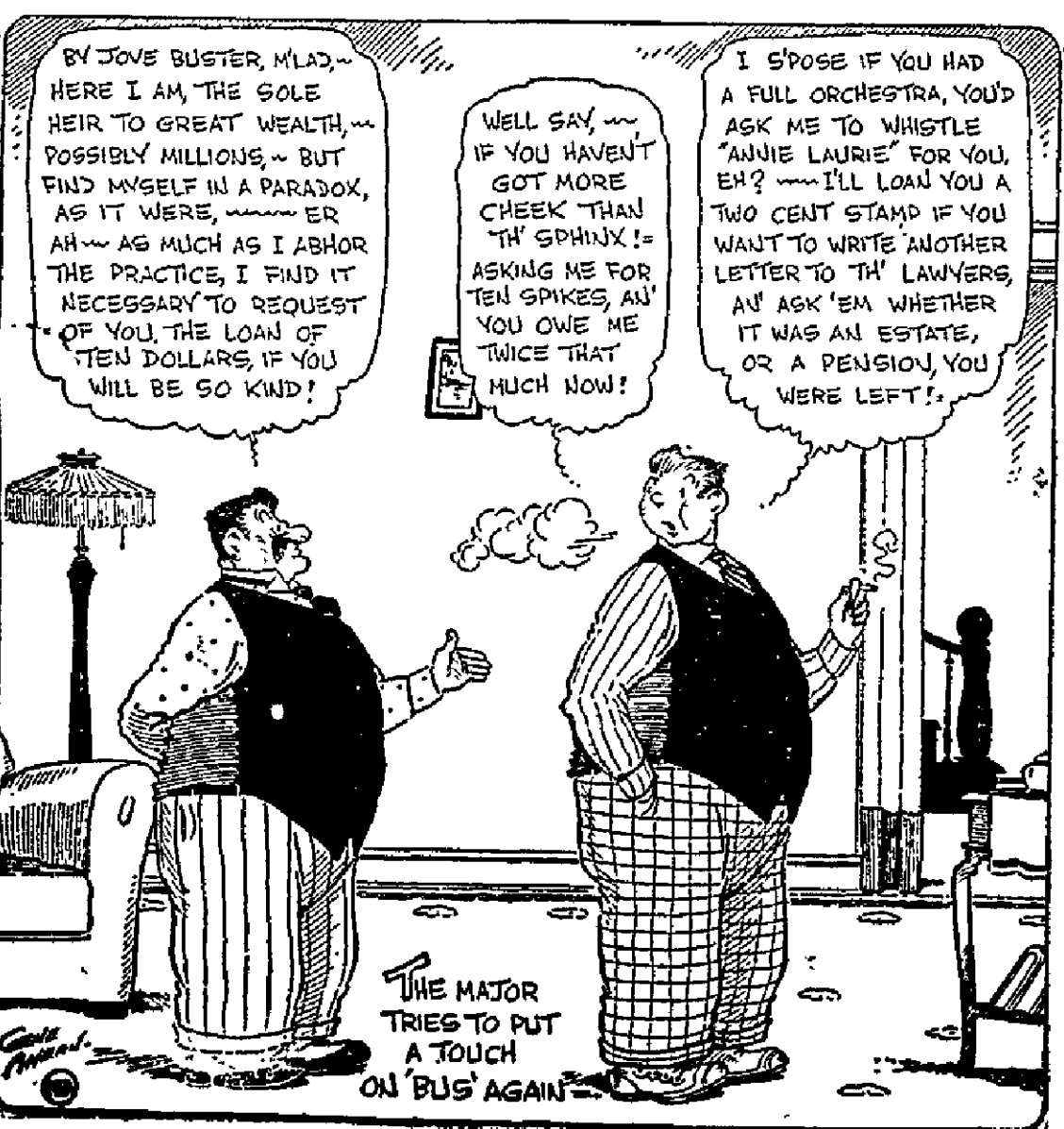


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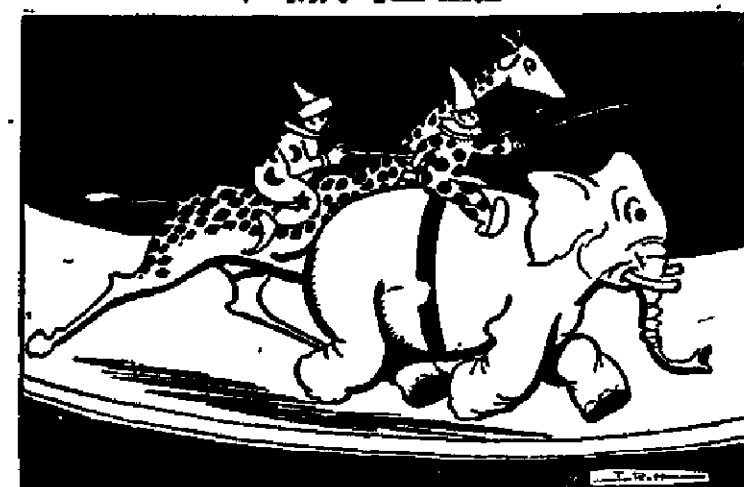
BY STANLEY



## ADVENTURES OF THE TWINS

By OLIVE ROBERTS BARTON

NO. 9—THE RACE



One clown was riding the wooden elephant

"Hurrah for the elephant!" "Hurrah for the giraffe!" The people of Hungry Dumpty Circus in Dooferland got so excited that they couldn't sit still, but stood up and stamped and whistled until it was worse than a baseball game. One clown was riding the wooden elephant and another one was riding the wooden giraffe, and they were having a race. One minute the elephant was ahead and the next minute the giraffe would be ahead. Mr. Fuzz Wuzz, the pipe cleaner man, got so excited that he hid his high silk hat on his vest when he got up to yell, and then sat down on it. The tin mouse found himself asking his enemy, the patent leather cat, if he didn't think the giraffe was longer winded than the elephant on account of his neck. And the patent leather cat forgot that he was hungry, and replied that he didn't know, but the elephant certainly could cover more ground, as his feet were larger. The judge for the race were the canton flannel monkey and the Teddy bear. The bear stood with a watch in one hand and a bell in the other. "Hurrah for Jumbo!" yelled Neck. For at that minute the elephant was ahead. On turning a corner the big fellow had cut in behind the giraffe and passed him. "Hurrah for the elephant!" "Hurrah for the giraffe!" cried Mister Fuzz Wuzz the next minute, for at the next turn the giraffe cut in behind the elephant and passed him. Every minute people got more and more excited, and Nancy did a dreadful thing. She was sitting beside the ginger bread man eating a ball of popcorn, and she cut off a little something in the ginger bread man's ear and took a bit of popcorn. Instead of that she yelled at the ball of popcorn and bit off the ginger bread man's ear. But the ginger bread man was so busy watching the race that he never felt it. He never noticed that his ear was gone until the next morning when he went to wash it. On went the elephant! On went the giraffe! Only a few steps to go to cross the line—and now they were exactly even. But what did the giraffe do but stretch out his neck straight ahead of him and that put him four feet ahead of the elephant! "The giraffe wins! Long Neck wins by a neck!" yelled the crowd. "Hurrah!" But they weren't quite over the line yet, and quick as a wink the elephant stuck out his trunk. And it put him three inches ahead of the giraffe. At that minute they crossed the line and the Teddy bear rang the bell. "Hurrah! Hurrah for Jumbo! He won by a nose!" yelled everybody.

## CHILD'S STORY OF THE HUMAN RACE

By Uncle RAY

CHAPTER 151  
The "Aged boy" of China  
One of the most interesting figures in ancient Chinese history is Lao Tzu. He started a religion which is now believed in by scores of millions of persons in Asia. This man was at first called Li, which means "plum tree" in Chinese. He was later called Lao Tzu because people wanted their hero to have a name which told something about him. The name "Lao Tzu" means two things—"old thinker" and "aged boy." Both these meanings had something to do with the hero. One thing he was a great thinker or during his old age. "Aged boy" was also a good name because after his death a story grew up that he was 70 years old when he was born. Some of the sayings of Lao Tzu have splendid thoughts behind them. For instance: "The crowd does not become black by being pointed at." By this the Chinese thinker is believed to have meant that the outside things do not count so much as inside things. If a bad man puts on fine clothes, it does not make him a fine man. Another saying of Lao Tzu is: "Even if someone hurts you, return kindness to him." The reason given for this was that "bad" persons can be made good through kindness. The religion started by "ao Tzu" is called Taoism. The death of the old thinker is full of mystery. One Chinese story says that he rode toward the west on an ox. The "keeper of the gate at the edge of China" was warned in a dream that Lao Tzu was coming, and he put him three inches ahead of the giraffe. At that minute they crossed the line and the Teddy bear rang the bell. "Hurrah! Hurrah for Jumbo! He won by a nose!" yelled everybody.

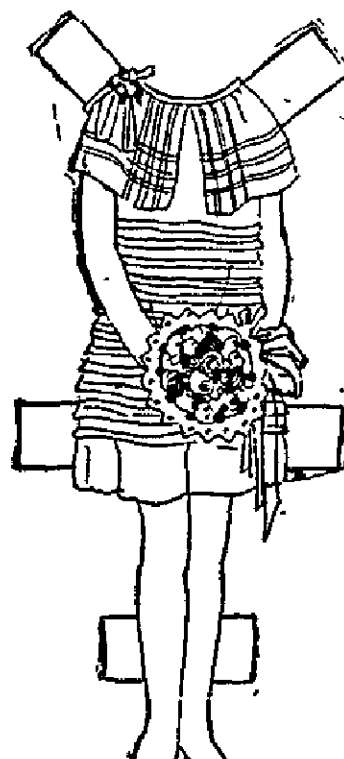


Next: Some Funny Chinese Words.

## Color Cut-Outs

Playing Before A Real Artist

with her. "The violinist you expected has been detained," she explained in a little speech, "so I will entertain you until she comes." Then Mary played a solo. When she finished, somebody at the back of the room said "Bravo." It was the Russian lady who had come in time to hear the end of the selection. She congratulated Mary by giving her a bouquet. This very latest dress of all is lavender organdy with yellow collar and gold hose and slippers. The rosebuds are pink. HAIRDRESSERS GIVE WOMAN OF 50 BEAUTY NEW YORK, March 28.—An elderly woman, probably past 50 and in need of repair, will be renovated and made to look like new Saturday afternoon at a demonstration to be held at the Waldorf. The demonstration is preliminary to the convention of the American Master Hairdressers' association, which starts Monday. The candidate, who will be picked from many applicants, will be given a treatment to remove wrinkles. She will have a permanent wave and, if necessary, a hair dye. The woman's complexion will be treated, and the hairdressers promise that, when they get through with her, hers will be a skin one willingly would touch. She will look about 30, they promise. CLASS STUDIES STOCK AT MINERAL WELLS MINERAL WELLS, Texas, March 28.—Professor Howell of the department of vocational agriculture in the local high school, reports his class in animal husbandry is gaining knowledge from a practical source during the present term. This high school class has formulated a ration for the feeding of dairy cows and are experimenting on stock Mary came out on the stage in her new spring frock, bringing her cello.



The children of the school that Betty and Billy Cut-out and Mary and Ralph attended were all gathered to hear the famous Russian violinist who was the guest of Mr. Tucker, the music teacher, play. They waited and waited and no one came. Finally there was a hustle behind the stage. "Here she comes," whispered the audience. Then they all began to laugh. Instead of a Russian lady, Mary came out on the stage in her new spring frock, bringing her cello.